Ryder Taking Shot At Galt
With Madewell Hanover

It isn’t too often in today’s world of harness racing that the owner, trainer and driver of a horse are one and the same. But that’s the case with Madewell Hanover, who has Chris Ryder listed in all three spots on the program, including in Friday night’s $93,200 Galt for 3-year-old male trotters at Maywood Park, part of a card that also features the Abe Lincoln for 2-year-old male pacers, the Cinderella for 3-year-old filly pacers, and the Windy City for 3-year-old male pacers.

Known primarily as a trainer—I Luv The Nitelife, Put On A Show, Sealed N Delivered, McArdle and Powerful Toy, just to name a few—Ryder has also been the lone person to drive Madewell Hanover this year, a decision that has paid off handsomely as the sophomore gelding has won six times in 14 starts with $145,442 in earnings.

Ryder, who turned 59 on Oct. 2, will try to add to that total on Friday night when Madewell Hanover starts from post 1 in the Galt. Madewell Hanover is the 7-2 third choice on the morning line, behind the 5-2 favorite EL Titan, who was double entered, also drawing into Saturday night’s Yonkers Trot eliminations at Yonkers Raceway.

“He’s a trotter, and I own him, and if I want to drive him, I’ll drive him,” said Ryder, who also became the shipper as he trucked Madewell Hanover to Maywood Park himself on Wednesday. “People seem to think it’s a novelty, but it isn’t that at all. I think the whole catch-driver thing is ridiculous.”

While Ryder has more than 1,200 career wins as a trainer with $32.3 million in purse earnings, as a driver he has 296 wins and $3.2 million in purses. His biggest win as a driver came in 1999 with Powerful Toy in the $224,300 Matron at Dover Downs. He also won the $134,914 Smullin at Rosecroft Raceway in 1997 with Sealed N Delivered (“I remember that night because it was the night that Princess Diana died,” said Ryder, a native of New Zealand) and the $75,000 Woodrow Wilson consolation in 1999 at the Meadowlands with Sakramattic.

“He’s a nice big horse, really well made. I guess that’s why they gave him his name.”

— Chris Ryder on Madewell Hanover

Ryder said he purchased Madewell Hanover sight unseen on the recommendation of Hanover Shoe Farms’ farm manager, Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky.

“He was not in the sale because he had a problem as a baby, so I bought him from Hanover as a yearling,” remembered Ryder. “I bought him sight unseen when Dr. Jablonsky told me he was a nice-looking horse. I said, ‘Fine, I’ll take him.’”

Ryder said he was impressed when Madewell Hanover arrived in his barn.

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“He’s a nice big horse, really well made. I guess that’s why they gave him his name,” he said with a laugh. “He’s a good-looking fella.”

Madewell Hanover had just one win in seven starts last year as a 2 year old, that coming in a maiden event at Pocono Downs with Howard Parker driving.

“He was OK last year, he just lacked a bit of speed,” said Ryder. “I liked him, but he wasn’t particularly fast. I’m not surprised that he improved as much as he has this year. He’s still not the fastest horse, but he’s a good racehorse.”

This year, with Ryder directing, Madewell Hanover’s wins include a career-best 1:53.3 in a $72,300 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes at Pocono Downs. Earning enough points to qualify for the $260,000 PASS final on Sept. 7 at Harrah’s Philadelphia, Madewell Hanover finished fifth after recovering from an early break.

Madewell Hanover has since qualified twice, including a win at Philadelphia and a second at Freehold, the first time he had been on a half-mile track.

“I qualified him at Freehold to make sure he could get around,” explained Ryder. “And in the Galt, you can’t complain about getting the rail on a half.”—By Gordon Waterstone
Ontario Needs Just One Yearling Sale

That the sale average was up at both of Ontario’s yearling sales is a small blessing for the province’s beleaguered breeders as long as we’re employing “it could have been worse” logic.

Trouble is, a $15,294 average at the Forest City Yearling Sale this past Sunday and an average of $12,614 at the Canadian Yearling Sale a month ago isn’t paying many bills down on the farm.

We can debate why the average for either sale likely didn’t reach the average cost to produce each yearling for market, but it’s not particularly fair to bemoan the quality of mares when breeders, more than any other sector of the industry, have been in survival mode ever since the province announced in 2012 that it was pulling the plug on the Slots at Racetracks Program.

Besides, both Ontario auctions are regional sales and shouldn’t really be compared with the Lexingtons and Harrisburgs of the world.

Still, it would be nice to return to the days when the average was north of $20,000, but to do that is going to take a radical correction not only in terms of what yearlings are produced, but in how they are sold in the province.

Let’s start by having just one major yearling sale.

This year about 300 yearlings were sold between the two sales. That alone warrants just one major sale, no matter how the catalog is determined. With breeding numbers in precipitous decline in the province, it will become increasingly necessary for consolidation to occur. One sale is simply the best way to service the buyers, which, in turn, should create the most competitive environment to drive bids.

Look no further than Kentucky where in 2005 two proud, warring sales companies—Tattersalls and Kentucky Standardbred—came together to form the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale for the best reason of all: because it simply made business sense for the breeders and their customers.

Which Ontario sale should stay and which one should go? The Forest City Yearling Sale is not only the better auction, but the Agriplex at The Western Fair District in London is better than Flamboro Downs, the facility Standardbred Canada uses for its Canadian Yearling Sale.

On this score, since the yearling market is so crucial to breeders’ survival, it would be nice if Standardbred Canada made a decision that was in the best interests of the industry, dropped the Canadian Yearling Sale and simply ran mixed sales, when warranted, if the market isn’t serving that function.

Why a non-profit registrar is in the sales business in the first place has long been a contentious issue.

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Always A Virgin Has Top Contenders In Indiana Finals

Almost all of the best Indiana-sired horses will be competing in $200,000 Indiana Sires Stakes (INSS) Super Finals on Saturday night at Hoosier Park, with post time 5:15 p.m. for the 14-race card.

Among the contenders are two big open stakes winners this season, the 3-year-old pacing colt Always B Miki and the 3-year-old pacing filly Color's A Virgin, who won stakes at The Red Mile and Delaware, respectively. Because he was retired to stud duty in Indiana, some may view Always A Virgin as a regional sire, but Always B Miki, one of the most impressive winners during the Grand Circuit meet at Lexington, Jugette champion Color's A Virgin, and Glen Garnsey division winner Nat A Virgin—who has not competed in Indiana Sires Stakes this season—are doing their best to dispel any such notion.

While Nat A Virgin is eligible to the Breeders Crown next month at the Meadowlands, the connections of Always B Miki and Color's A Virgin are considering supplementing their horses to the Crown.

First things first, says Brian Brown, trainer of Color's A Virgin, and that means the INSS Super Finals. Color's A Virgin and her stablemate Candy's A Virgin are going into the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace final after finishing 1-2, respectively, in a $75,000 INSS final the week before. Color's A Virgin, who has been regularly driven by Trace Tetrick, started from post 8 and was parked the entire mile, with “Candy” following her in the outer tier the entire mile and finishing second.

Color's A Virgin won by a 6 ¼-length margin, however, in 1:51.2, giving her 10 wins and two seconds in 14 starts this season.

“I’m hoping Candy’s a little sharper this week since we’ve been poulticing the foot all week,” Brown explained. Brown said Color’s A Virgin is his most likely Breeders Crown contender, but he’s not thinking about the possibility just yet. “She’s got the Nadia Lobell at Hoosier (Oct. 31) and that should tell us whether we should go or not,” he said.

Brown also has a couple of 2-year-old pacing colts who could also be Crown material. On Saturday night he’ll be at Woodbine to race two-time Lexington stakes winner Lost For Words p,2, 1:50.4 and Talking Points, who was stakes-placed in Lexington, in eliminations for the Governor’s Cup.

Lost For Words, who was sold as a yearling for $50,000, finished seventh in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship but then won three straight stakes. “Racing in Pennsylvania is tough,” noted Brown. “The best thing about him is that he’s either improved as the year went on, or he hasn’t lost anything where some of the others are starting to tail off. But he’s been great the last month. He still feels good, he’s still out there playing when he jogs. I trained him (Tuesday) and he was great.”

Talking Points suffered from ulcers earlier in the season but also has been a horse in need of instruction. “He’s a bit of a dummy sometimes,” said Brown. “He probably needs to be a gelding.” —By Kathy Parker

The overnight sheet showed 12 horses had been drawn into the Indiana Sires Stakes Super Finals, but only 10 will start, as is the norm at Hoosier Park, with nine on the gate and one trailer. “The 11 and 12 are AE (also eligible) 1 and 2, and they decided to do this to try to make sure we both have full fields and maximize everyone’s chance to race in the Super Final,” said Jessica Barnes, director of racing and breed development for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. “The typical scratch time is the day after the draw, and they’ve extended the scratch time until 4 p.m. the day before the race. Also, the horses that finish sixth through 10th in the finals receive $4,000 each.” Barnes also noted that the Indiana Breed Development Board met recently and voted to keep the Sires Stakes program as it is for 2015.

The entire Super Final race card is scheduled to be shown live on HRTV.
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Trace Tetrick Talks Indiana Super Finals

Trace Tetrick is the leading driver at Hoosier Park this year in wins (248) and earnings ($2.95 million), so it's no surprise the 28 year old is in high demand on Saturday night's Indiana Sires Stakes (INSS) Super Final night, with drives in all eight $200,000 contests.

Tetrick, who has more than 2,800 career wins and $26.6 million in purse earnings, is scheduled to drive four morning-line favorites in the INSS Super Finals, with his eight drives coming from eight different trainers.

Here is Tetrick’s take on his INSS Super Final starters, in race order:

**Chucaro (2FT)**
"They changed her bridle up the last couple starts and her attitude has gotten a lot better. She matured a lot over the summer and last week was probably one of her better races. She's coming into form the right time. She looks the part; she passes the eye test."

**Hall Pass Helen (3FT)**
"She's really sharp right now. Last week I left hard and let a couple go, and then I got loose up the rail so it worked out great. I think she should be good this week. She shows up at the right times. She tries. She wants to go forward and get there."

**Summit City Nate (2CT)**
"This is the first time I get to drive him. I know he's kind of a hot horse and wants to race in front. Airman Batten is the one to beat in there, by far. If I land on the front and Lewayne (driver Lewayne Miller) goes early, I will hand it to him."

**Shady Linds (2FP)**
"She had good pace late last week, but she rode around there on the rail. Hopefully I can work out a trip and get a good check. She tries; she is able to do what she can do."

**Double A Cash Hall (3CT)**
"The horse to beat here is Rose Run Parker. I think we have a really good shot here though. Last week he hit the ground really good when I was scoring him down. But he made a break leaving the gate. It was probably driver error."

**Color's A Virgin (3FP)**
"She has just been razor sharp and I think she'll be really good. She drew outside but it shouldn't matter. She stays up in the lines good and doesn't have to work hard the whole way. Her two best races this year came in the Jugette."

**Freaky Feet Pete (2CP)**
"Hopefully I won't get pinched down there around the first turn (after starting from the trailing post 10), but everybody should want to follow him because they'll trip out. Last week he was parked the whole mile. I thought the race would set up with a lot of speed early, and I thought I would get him around there with the best trip I could. There were a bunch of horses to the inside and had a lot of speed and a couple horses that needed the points to make this final, so I knew they'd be racing their horses pretty hard. I thought if I stayed within four lengths at the top of the stretch I could get there."

**If I Lose (3CP)**
"I drove him last year at two and he had wicked speed, and he had to mature to carry it. This year he's been really good. Always B Miki is the one to beat. I will try and stay within reach of him. Tie a rope to him."
Yonkers Setting The Stage
For Big Showplace Night

Next Saturday night, Oct. 25, Yonkers Raceway will play host to one of its biggest racing programs of the season. The Yonkers Trot, Messenger and Lady Maud, plus the International Trot Preview, a ¼-mile race for $250,000, are scheduled for Saturday night, Oct. 25.

The International Preview is expected to include Swedish sensation and world champion Sebastian K and one of his top rivals when he raced in Scandinavia, Commander Crowe. Tristan Sjoberg, who owns Sebastian K with his brother, Michael Knutsson, as Knutsson Trotting, said Sebastian K is in training to compete in the International Preview. While in Lexington for racing and the yearling sale, French horseman Fabrice Souloy, who trains Commander Crowe, tweeted that the horse was in quarantine on Oct. 16.

But this Saturday night is a mini-preview of the big Yonkers program as eliminations will be held for the Yonkers Trot, Messenger Pace and Lady Maud. Yonkers will also salute Hall of Fame driver Cat Manzi, who retired from driving earlier this year. Manzi has won more than 14,000 races, including three editions of the Yonkers Trot.

The Yonkers Trot is the third jewel of trotting’s Triple Crown and with Trixton winning the Hambletonian but then suffering an injury in September, no trotter will wear the Crown this year. However, Nuncio, who captured the Kentucky Futurity—the second leg of the Crown—is entered in the Yonkers Trot and will start from post 5 in Race 4, the first of the two eliminations.

Each of the two elimination races for the 60th Yonkers Trot carry full eight-horse fields, and the first four finishers in each advance to the final. The second elimination field (Race 5) includes New York Sires Stakes champ Gural Hanover, who was supplemented to the race at a cost of $30,000.

The Messenger has required just one elimination with a nine-horse field, and the first four finishers in each advance to the final. The elimination field, from the rail out, includes Forty Five Red, Luck Be Withyou, All Bets Off, National Debt, McWicked, Double Your Bet, Stevensville, Lyonssomewhere and Western Conquest. Trainer Ron Burke has three entries—Forty Five Red, All Bets Off and Double Your Bet. —By Kathy Parker
Indiana Tests Still Delayed; KY Says Purses Should Be Paid Promptly

Delays in drug testing of racehorse samples collected from horses racing in Indiana have been making big news in Thoroughbred racing. There have also been some delays with harness samples, said Jack Kieninger, president of the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA).

“What we’ve experienced is the delay in the re-testing of the samples that tested positive for triprolidine, an antihistamine,” said Kieninger. “What seemed to happen is the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) had issued a six-day withdrawal time as a guideline for the drug and everyone used the new guideline, which was an Indiana commission guideline and not an RMTC (Racing Medication & Testing Consortium) recommendation. Then the first positive for this drug came on May 2, but no one really knew about it so people were continuing to use it under the guideline until early June, so that compounded the problem.

“Since the samples had to be retested—86 of them total for both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds—that created a backlog at the testing lab,” Kieninger continued. “You could say we have a perfect storm. We changed laboratories and went from getting no positives to lots of positives, and we’ve got four new racing commission members and a new chairman.”

IHRC executive director Joe Gorajec told The Blood-Horse that Industrial Laboratories has begun re-screening delayed samples that had been physically picked up by the Indiana commission at the Lexington lab.

At the beginning of this year’s racing season Indiana began using the respected and RMTC-approved Lexington equine drug-testing laboratory LGC, formerly known as HFL Sport Sciences. It is headed by Dr. Richard Sams, a respected equine drug testing who for many years ran the testing lab at The Ohio State University.

Kieninger said horsemen who had positive tests have received little information from the Indiana commission and thus some have already consulted attorneys.

“We haven’t been able to reach the state vet, so we really don’t know what’s going on except we did hear about the trip to Kentucky to get the samples and send them to Colorado (Industrial Laboratories) for testing,” added Kieninger.

Kieninger said to his knowledge, Industrial Laboratories has processed tests in a timely fashion and purses are being paid unless there is a positive test.

Delays at the LGC lab in Lexington have prompted the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) to reconsider its use of the lab. Mary Scollay, equine medical director for the KHRC, told The Blood-Horse that LGC has not reported results in a timely manner, with some samples dating as far back as June and July.

A Kentucky Horse Racing Commission official said the out-of-competition testing conducted by LGC during the Grand Circuit meet at The Red Mile was not affected. The delays in other samples are also not expected to affect the mailing of purse checks from the Grand Circuit meet.—By Kathy Parker
Woodbine Signal Now High Def

Broadcast upgrades and the return of a state-of-the-art tracking tool will change the way fans and horseplayers watch the races from Woodbine.

Beginning with Thursday’s opening card, the Woodbine Standardbred simulcast feed will be produced in High Definition (HD) in a production control room on the fourth floor of the Woodbine grandstand. Customers on site will be able to view the races in HD (1080p; 16:9 aspect ratio). Fans south of the border will be able to view the races in HD as TVG will be carrying the Woodbine 1080p HD signal.

Fans will also soon see the return of Trakus to the Woodbine Standardbred broadcast. Trakus, the automated racehorse tracking system, is being relaunched to provide Standardbred horseplayers with the best data around.

The reintroduction of Trakus to Standardbred racing will offer horseplayers the most accurate charts and information in harness racing. Trakus compiles information on each horse at every point of the race through wireless communication to a tag placed inside the saddle pad.

RMTC Waits On Maylin Research To Set Cobalt Threshold

A review by the board of directors of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) of state-by-state adoption of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) National Uniform Medication Program showed the majority of major racing jurisdictions will have a substantial portion of the program’s four principal components in place by the end of the year.

At its meeting Monday (Oct. 13) at Canterbury Park Race-track, the board specifically covered progress on the adoption of the National Uniform Medication Program’s medication schedule, third-party Lasix administration, laboratory accreditation, and the Multiple Medication Violations Penalty System. Due to regulatory and/or legislative requirements, timing for the adoption process varies, but significant portions of the program will have been adopted in all but five states.

While most state testing labs have already achieved at least ISO accreditation, and additional RMTC accreditation is steadily progressing, the RMTC addressed uniformity of processes and parameters throughout the states by approving a model Request for Proposals (RFP) for Equine Drug Testing Laboratories. Dr. Mary Scollay, RMTC board member and equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, chaired the committee that drafted the document. The model RFP will serve as a tool for racing commissions as they negotiate and enter into contracts with drug testing laboratories. The document provides guidelines for obtaining quality uniform testing nationwide.

“This model RFP is a clear and logical roadmap for regulators to use when navigating what can be an intimidating lab testing procurement process,” said Dr. Scollay. “This roadmap is key to insuring that uniform medication regulation is supported by consistent testing practices in all racing jurisdictions. Consistent lab testing is fundamental to nationwide medication reform.”

The RMTC board also approved model rule recommendations regarding medication labeling and compounded medication that will be forwarded to the RCI for consideration. The rules recommended by the RMTC provide guidance to veterinarians, trainers and track officials regarding requirements for labeling of prescription medication and substances that are acceptable for use in the pari-mutuel environment.

The RMTC board also responded to concerns raised by horsemen, regulators and veterinarians regarding a potential interaction between the muscle relaxant methocarbamol and the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory phenylbutazone. Among the documents reviewed was research by Dr. Mary Robinson of the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Equine Testing and Racing Laboratory suggesting a potential interference by phenylbutazone on the clearance of methocarbamol. The RMTC will communicate Dr. Robinson’s findings when they become available. In the interim, veterinarians and trainers are reminded that the possibility of drug interactions with the co-administration of multiple medications must always be taken into consideration when recommending treatment close to racing.

The RMTC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) updated the board regarding tactical research on the prohibited substances GABA and cobalt. A recommendation from the SAC on a GABA threshold is expected soon. The board declined to act on a cobalt threshold as there was not a consensus recommendation from the SAC. An effort will be made to reconvene the SAC to reach a consensus recommendation once research performed by Dr. George Maylin for the U.S. Trotting Association is made available for review. That data is expected within 90 days.

“We understand that nothing is more important to the industry from a drug and medication policy perspective than solid scientific research and analysis,” said RMTC Board chairman Alex Waldrop. “Accordingly, steps were taken at our meeting to re-engage all members of the RMTC Scientific Advisory Committee. The RMTC is committed to considering all points of view and to reaching the broadest consensus possible, so long as we do not compromise fundamental scientific integrity.” (RMTC)

Batavia To Remember Late Female Trainers

On Friday night, Batavia Downs will look back and honor the careers of two longtime female trainers who plied their trade on the western New York circuit for many years. Mary Ann Sarama-Luce and Brenda Ohol will have races named in their honor and presentations made with their families in
the winner’s circle as the local horsemen pay their respects and remember their careers at Batavia Downs.

Sarama-Luce passed away in July of 2011 at 73 years of age after a long battle with leukemia. She was introduced to the business when she met Danny Sarama in the late 1960s and from that point on, the two formed the successful Mar-dan Stable. Their most memorable performer was the pacer You Devil You, who won 10 races in a row in 1976 while rising from a low claimer to the Open class. In the early 1980s, after separating from Danny, she continued on her own as both a trainer and a driver. Some of the top horses Sarama-Luce trained included Gold Bandit N, Top Dog Alex, Top Dog Nicholas, Easy L Bar and Guy Lee Debbie.

After her passing, her son Carl and husband Richard have carried on with her stable.

Ohol died in August 2013 after a long battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. She was born in Batavia and raised in Akron, N.Y., and was around horses her entire life. She was always in the barn with her father Ron Lederhouse, who campaigned his own stable for many years. She married Mike Ohol, who was an established trainer-driver on the western New York circuit. Some of her best known horses included Little Man Cam, Adelia’s Prince, Honeybee Hershey, Fundy Breeze, Collier St. Bobby and Sunray Kash. She left a legacy of women in racing behind as her daughter Courtney and granddaughter Britney are now currently active full time trainers at Batavia. Ohol’s sister Lisa Lederhouse is an accomplished barn with her father Ron Lederhouse, who campaigned his own stable for many years. She married Mike Ohol, who was an established trainer-driver on the western New York circuit. Some of her best known horses included Little Man Cam, Adelia’s Prince, Honeybee Hershey, Fundy Breeze, Collier St. Bobby and Sunray Kash. She left a legacy of women in racing behind as her daughter Courtney and granddaughter Britney are now currently active full time trainers at Batavia. Ohol’s sister Lisa Lederhouse is an accomplished trainer as well. (Batavia)

Colonial Downs Withdraws Plans For 2015

At the meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission in Richmond on Wednesday, Oct. 15, Colonial Downs owner Jeffrey P. Jacobs presented a statement which read in part, “I am now withdrawing Colonial Downs’ Thoroughbred and Standardbred race day requests and the request for approval of the Old Dominion Horsemen’s contract. I am also at this time turning in Colonial Downs’ unlimited pari-mutuel owners and operators licenses to be effective Nov. 1 so as to be able to complete the current harness meet in an orderly fashion.”

To read Jacobs’ entire statement, please click here.

Hall Of Famer Bob Farrington Dies

One of harness racing’s first super-star trainer-drivers, especially in the Chicago circuit, Robert “Bob” Farrington, died Monday afternoon, Oct. 13, from a heart attack. He was 85.

Mr. Farrington was a six-time national driving champion, taking the title in 1961 and 1962 and again from 1964 through 1967. He was elected to harness racing’s Hall of Fame in 1979, Mr. Farrington was the first driver ever to win 200 races in a season (1961), the first to win 300 races in a season (1964), the first to win 300 races twice, and the first to win 300 races three times.

Born in Richwood, Ohio on July 15, 1929, Mr. Farrington won 36 driving titles with 30 of them coming on Chicago area tracks, including six at both Sportsman’s Park and Washington Park.

During a 1963 program at Freehold Raceway in New Jersey Mr. Farrington drove six times and won all six races. Mr. Farrington retired from driving with 3,163 victories in 1992 and went on to be a high profile trainer.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s he drove and trained one of the sport’s most popular harness horse of all time, the famed pacer Rambling Willie, written about as “The Horse That God Loved,” written by Phil Pikelny and Don Evans. Rambling Willie toured North America, racing and signing his book with his unique hoof mark. Mr. Farrington and Rambling Willie went to 28 cities in 32 weeks and drew crowds at both racetracks and shopping malls.

Mr. Farrington was about to retire when Rambling Willie came along and together they became a winning combination. Rambling Willie won 111 races and was the first Standardbred to win more than $2 million.

Mr. Farrington was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1978 and has also been named the Harness Horsemen’s International Man of the Year. He is in the Ohio and Illinois Hall of Fame. He also wrote a chapter in the Care & Training of the Trotter & Pacer about classifying horses.

Mr. Farrington is survived by his wife of 65 years, Vivian; a daughter, Karen (Joe) Ewing; grandchildren, Gail Curran, Jack Curran and Justin Curran; great-grandchildren, Nik Kosanovic, Emma Kosanovic and Jackson Curran; sisters, Marilyn (Tom) Pugh and Sue (Floyd) Carpenter; brother, Richard (Dorothy); nieces and nephews; and many who thought of him as a second father. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Rod and Brad.

The family will receive friends from 1-5 p.m. at Stofcheck-Ballinger Funeral Home in Richwood, Ohio, on Sunday, Oct. 19. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, with interment at York Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, 240 Main St. Goshen, N.Y. 10924; or Christian Harness Horsemen’s Association, 157 N. Main St., Salem, N.H. 03079 for the Rambling Willie Scholarship.

Robert “R.J.” Brown Dies

Robert J. “R. J.” Brown, a veteran horseman from Troy, Ohio, died Oct. 14 at his residence. He was 90. Mr. Brown was a Standardbred owner, trainer and driver since starting his racing career in 1951 at the Miami County Fair.
grounds. He won more than 1,900 races and more than $2.5 million during his career of 60-plus years.

Mr. Brown was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of World War II. He was a member of Troy Eagles Post #971, Troy Fish & Game Club and a life member of Troy Elks Post #833. He was in the Ohio Harness Horseman’s Hall of Fame, Northfield Park Horseman’s Wall of Fame, and was inducted in the Troy Hall of Fame in 2011. For his hobbies, he was an avid golfer.

Mr. Brown is survived by his daughter, Carol (Mark) Winters; step-son, Robert (Melissa) Mount; step-daughter, Kathy (Charles) Coon; and granddaughters, Devan Miller and Katelyn Mount. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles; and sister, Vivian Baughman.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18) at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, with Rev. Ed Ellis officiating. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. An Honor Guard Service will be performed by the Veterans Memorial Honor Guard of Troy to follow the funeral service. Interment will be in Spring Valley Cemetery, Spring Valley, Ohio, at a later date.

Craig Campbell, Co-Sponsor Of Indiana PM Bill, Dies

Craig B. Campbell, 76, of Anderson, Ind., who co-sponsored the racing bill permitting pari-mutuel wagering on horse races in Indiana with Dr. Larry Borst, died Oct. 8 at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Campbell served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1961, was deputy prosecutor from 1964-1970, served seven terms in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative, was a public defender for Anderson City Court for 12 years and retired from the Campbell & Campbell Law Firm.

He is survived by his son, Scott B. Campbell of Pendleton, Ind.; his daughter, Christy (husband, Rob) Wagner of Zionsville, Ind.; three grandchildren, Zach Wagner, Caroline Wagner and Maria Wagner, all of Zionsville; and aunt, Wilma Barrow of Anderson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burke Breaks Earnings Record, Past $22 Million

With the record for purses in the bank and 11 weeks remaining on the calendar, trainer Ron Burke is now left to contemplate how much his stable can increase its earnings before the end of the year.

Burke, who in 2013 became the first trainer to eclipse $20 million in a season—finishing the campaign with $22.23 million, moved $9,333 beyond that figure this year thanks to earning $11,750 at Yonkers Raceway on Monday night, Oct. 13. His stable broke last year’s mark when pacer Rockstar Temper won the sixth race.

“It’s neat because coming into this year I thought we might not be able to reach that,” said Burke, who turned 45 on Oct. 16. “Now to reach it this early, you wonder how far you can go. The next mark is 25 (million dollars). There’s not a ton of stakes races left, but there’s enough that if we can put together a run, maybe we could do 25.”

Last year, Burke’s horses won 25 races worth at least $100,000. This season, the “Burke Brigade” has captured 38 races worth at least $100,000. He also won four NewYork Sires Stakes championships, plus two sires stakes crowns each in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and one in New Jersey.

“Ohio is probably some of the reason, there’s been a re-birth there and that gave us a chance to race a little bit more, and the Meadowlands was stronger this year, so that probably helps a little bit,” Burke said. “And we have way more stakes horses than we’ve had in the past. We went with a lot more young horses. That’s one area where I thought we were set up better because we had more young horses to start with.

“But it gets to the point where we’re racing against ourselves a lot of times. It’s the law of diminishing returns. Sometimes we have four in a race; we can only win that race once. That’s one thing we’re trying to get away from and spread out to different areas a little more. We want to try to get away from racing so many times against ourselves.”

Burke, who leads the purse standings for trainers by more than $12 million, has won 887 of 4,164 races this year. Last season, Burke started 4,494 horses and won a record 1,090 races. (HRC)

Hempt, Lynch To Be Early-Closers In 2015

The Max C. Hempt Memorial Stake No. 61 and the James M. Lynch (Filly Division) for 3-year-old pacers will become early closers at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in 2015. Both the initial nominating payment and 2-year-old sustaining payment that have been made on horses to the former stake event will be refunded by the Hambletonian Society.

There will be a new nominating fee of $500 due for the Max Hempt (3-Year-Old Open) Pace and a $350 nominating fee for the Lynch (3-Year-Old Filly) Pace. Both are due on Feb. 15, 2015.

Complete information regarding subsequent sustaining payments and starting fees will be announced in December. For 2015, the Max C. Hempt Memorial 3-Year-Old Open Pace will be a guaranteed $500,000 and the James M. Lynch Memorial 3-Year-Old Filly Pace will be guaranteed $300,000. Dates for these events will also be announced in December.

For No. 61, the monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation. For No. 62, the nomination fees will be refunded to the nominators. (Pocono)
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2YO Trotters

MILE TRACKS

2C 1:53.2 CENTURION ATM, S.J’s Caviar-Ens Tag Session-Tagliabue Courant Ab & Knutsson Trotting. Eliezer Solomon (M 8-2) A. Svantsedt. A. Svantsedt (CR Commando, Muscle Network, Centurion ATM 1:53.2)

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HALF-MILE TRACKS

2C 1:53.3 FREEDOMFORMYSOUL, If I Can Dream-Hello Grin-Grinfromeartoear Freedomforoursoul Stb. Bulletproof Ent. (Siga 7-12) J. Morrill Jr. M. McInnis (Correctamundo 1:55.1)

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Data through 10/15/14. NEW LEADERS IN GREEN*

Division, current season's record, current leader, breeding Owner(s). Breeder(s). (Track and date) Driver. Trainer. (World record).

2YO Pacers

MILE TRACKS

2C 1:49.4 IN THE ARSENAL, American Ideal-Ladyotra-On The Road Again White Birch Fm. White Birch Fm. (Lex 9-27) B. Sears. K. Harrison (Sweet Lou 1:49)

2F 1:50.1 JK SHE’SALADY, Art Major- Presidential Lady-Presidential Ball 3 Brothers Stbs. J. Delong. J. Delong (I Luv The Nitelife, Precocious Beauty, JK She’salady, Sassa Hanover 1:50.1)

2G 1:51.2 ROLAND N ROCK, Rocknroll Hanover-Hank’s Chip-Cambest D. & C. Roland. Peretti Fms. (Spr 8-13) J. Delong. D. Roland (Sheer Desire 1:49.3)

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2G 1:50.3 DEALT A WINNER, Cam’s Card Shark-Lazan Hanover-Matt’s Scooter J. Snyder. Hanover Shoe Fms. (Fhld 9-27) J. Bartlett. E. Hart (Littlebitoflife 1:52.1)
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MILE TRACKS

3C 1:50.3 TRIXTON, Muscle Hill-Emilie Cas El (I-8-2) J. Takter C. Takter & Brixton Medical Ab. S. Stewart, Mal. Alle-Seppala & J. Bootman [Donato Hanover, Muscle Hill 1:50.1]

3F 1:50.2 CEE BEEYES, Muscle Yankee-Embrazzeme (Lex 9-28) S. Zeron J. D. Allen, Perreti Inc [Cee Bee Yes 1:50.2]

3G 1:51.3 ROYAL ICE, Muscle Hill-The Ice Queen (M-7-28) Y. Gingras M. Goldberg, D. Reid & H. Reif (Vivid Photo 1:51.2)

4S 1:51.2 CREATINE, Andover-Half-Berry Nuts (Lex 10-5) T. Tetrick Diamond Creek Rcg. Diamond Creek Fm. [Chapter Seven 1:51.0]

4M 1:51.3 MISTERY WOMAN, Donato Hanover-My Donny’s Dream (Lex 10-5) C. Aldebanek P. Millstream Stb. Lndy Rcg. Stb. [MISTERY WOMAN 1:51.0]

4G 1:51.1 SEVIEE JUSTICE, Justice Hanover (J-8) J. Campbell M&M Harness LLC. Midland Acres [TIRADE HANOVER, Crazed-Teagarden Hanover (Lex 9-28) T. Tetrick]

5C 1:50.3 MODERN LEGEND, Mach Three-Beach Dancer (PcD 8-2) A. McCarthy A. Libfeld & M. Katz [DANCIN Y ANKEE, Sky High (Dela 9-17) Y. Gingras]

5G 1:49.4 ALLSTAR RATING, Father Patrick-Queen Of Grace (M 7-12) R. Pierce Y. Sarrazin, Allard Rcg. [SWEET LOU, Yankee Cruiser-Sweet Future (PcD 9-28) R. Pierce]

5M 1:49.3 CLEAR VISION, American Ideal-Shot Togo Bluechip (YR 8-9) J. Bartlett Y. Sarrazin, Allard Rcg. [SHELLISCAPE 1:50.3]

6C 1:47.1 WISHING STONE, Swansea-Half-Meadowbrook Magic (YR 8-9) G. Martin D. & D.T. Bier, C. Dombeck [CANTAB HALL-TALK TO THE WIND (PcD 6-28) D. Miller]

6G 1:52.1 BOFFIN, Donato Hanover-Trance Anthem (PcD 6-14) A. Napolitano A. & J. Siegel [SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE, Heaven’s Agent (PcD 9-19) Y. Gingras]

6M 1:50.2 BANDOUTO, Ponder-Sal’s Home Brew (ID 4-3) D. Bier D. D. & T. Bier, C. Dombeck [FANCY DESIRE, Real Desire-Fancy Creek Memory (PcD 6-21) G. Napolirot J. R. Di Nozzi, K. Spurlock]

7C 1:49.4 VICTORY IS COMING, Victory N-Sky (Lex 9-27) T. Tetrick S. Stewart, C. J., & F. Nash [DANCIN Y ANKEE 1:48.4]

7G 1:49.2 MUSCLE HILL-The Ice Queen (M 7-25) Y. Gingras R. Williams S. Stoltzfus & M. Kauffman [HOLY HALIBUT, Father Patrick-Stb. (PcD 8-21) A. McCarthy]

7M 1:47.1 ALLAN BROADSIDE, American Ideal-Shot Togo Bluechip (YR 8-9) J. Bartlett Y. Sarrazin, Allard Rcg. [SWEET LOU 1:47]

8G 1:47.4 ULTIMATE BEACHBOY, American Ideal-Shot Togo Bluechip (M-7-19) Y. Gingras R. Williams S. Stoltzfus & M. Kauffman [SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE, Heaven’s Agent (PcD 9-19) Y. Gingras]

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Pacers

MILE TRACKS

3C 1:46.4 HE’S WATCHING, American Ideal-Babyhood (M-7-12) T. Tetrick B. Gray, Muscara Rcg. Trust, M. Guerriero & Memery Rcg. Brittns [SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE, HE’S WATCHING 1:46.4]

3F 1:49 GALLIE BY THE BEACH, American Ideal-Shot Togo Bluechip (Lex 9-27) T. Tetrick S. Stewart, C. J., & F. Nash [SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE, SHEBESTINGIN 1:47]


4M 1:49.0 SOMERHOFARROWRAINBOW, Somebeachsomewhere-Rainbow Blue (M-9-8) T. Gewertz T. Gewertz & Diamond Creek Rcg. &T Teague Inc. [MY LITTLE DRAGON 1:48.1]


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Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through October 14, 2014 (week difference Oct. 8-14).

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